GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3583
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ROAD ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in road accidents in Delhi during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount of compensation available to the relatives of the road accident victims;

(c) whether all the bus owners have been directed to fit Electric Speed Governors in their buses;

(d) if so, the action taken to ensure compliance of these orders of the court;

(e) the number of buses impounded/fine/permit cancelled on this count;

(f) whether the post-mortem is necessary in road accident cases;
(g) if so, whether the Government propose to amend the existing laws for the grant of adequate compensation and simplify the procedures for the purpose; and
(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The requisite information is as under :-

Year	Number of persons killed in Road accidents
1998	2182
1999	2040
2000 (upto 30.11.2000)	1851

(b): As per provisions of Motor Vehicle act, 1988 compensation of Rs.25,000/- is paid to the next of kin in case of death and Rs.12,500/- in case of permanent disability in such hit and run cases where the vehicle causing the accident is not traceable. In cases, where vehicle causing the accident is traceable, the Act provides for payment of Rs.50,000/- in case of death and Rs.25,000/- incase of permanent disability on no fault basis. In addition, the amount of compensation can be also decided by Motor Accident Claims Tribunal.

(c)to(e): As per the orders of Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court the buses in National Capital Territory of Delhi are required to be fitted with speed governors. Delhi Police have given due publicity through newspapers to the directions of the Hon`ble Courts and the violators are being prosecuted by them regularly.

(f): Yes, Sir.

(g)&(h): Certain descrepancies in the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 were brought to the notice of the government and action has been initiated for carrying out amendments in the Motor vehicle Act, 1988.